



Clan Grant is a great clan with a proud history. There are many Grant families in the USA that do not know their Scottish history or that they are part of a Clan. When our society was first formed we said that we would do the following;

- **Literature** – including publication of Scottish or Gaelic literature;

- **Charitable** – such as helping Clansmen or dependents of Clansmen in distress;

- **Historical** – especially as may be related to Clan Grant (or its various branches);

- **Educational** – such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or colleges, and support of the Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust;

- **Cultural** – such as encouraging the perpetuation of Highland dress traditions and customs, promoting Highland Games in the United States, and supporting the Clan Grant Center in Scotland;

- **Social and Recreation** – promoting friendship, goodwill, and clanship among members of the Clan.

## Greetings

### “It Is Great to be a Grant!”

It has been a busy first 6 months of being President of the Clan Grant Society-USA.

As it is said, “Time flies when you are having fun,” and this beginning has been fun for Lena and me. I am happy to report communications are up, membership is growing and Board positions and appointments have been filled.

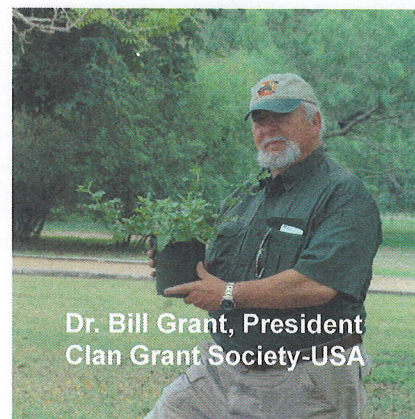
Much of the credit for our progress belongs to our hard working Board Members. We have filled our Chaplain position with Bob Grant, our liaison with Clan Grant Society-UK with Holly Wilson Floyd, liaison with the Clan Grant Center in Scotland with Janette Kaiser and established an assistant treasurer position filled by Karen Cook.

As you may notice from the new look of *Craigellachie* we have been indeed fortunate to convince Beth Gay to be our new Editor as well as her artist husband, Tom Freeman (whose work you see on our masthead.).

These folks have all stepped up to serve you as members of The Clan Grant Society-USA and deserve our thanks.

Many of you received Christmas letters and cards from Lena and me. Thank you all that responded. I have enjoyed talking with our members especially those that have served as officers of the Society. It is interesting to hear the stories of how our Clan Society was formed and has evolved over time. If you

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Dr. Bill Grant, President  
Clan Grant Society-USA

The Society shall publish a Clan quarterly named *Craigellachie*. *Craigellachie* shall be used to promote the interests of the Clan, the cultivation of a spirit of kin and fellowship and social intercourse amongst the Society's members. Further *Craigellachie* shall serve as the official publication of the Society and shall be the primary vehicle for giving the Members official notice of meetings, elections, Board and Officer actions



**Pursuant to ARTICLE VIII BUDGET** *The Board of Directors shall approve an annual budget for the effective conduct of the Society's financial transactions and the President shall carry out these transactions as directed by the approved budget. The Treasurer shall oversee these transactions. (Added October 23, 1999)*

Traditionally the Clan Society has annually accomplished (based on conversations with 4 past Presidents)

- Print and post 4 Craigellachies
- Hold an AGM
- Have Grant Tents at some Games.
- Hold Board Meetings Conference Calls
- Advertise in Highlander Mag.
- Use Constant Contact to email 140 members

Additional Priority Activities adopted for 2016

501(c)3 bylaws and articles of incorporation

Membership calling, printing and mailing letters and postcards

Paypal on the WEB site

Supporting more Games Commissioners (3' X 10' \$225.00 - Includes Shipping

- 2' X 8' \$165.00 - Includes Shipping
- 2' X 6' \$125.00 - Includes Shipping
- Custom Cut Parade Banners: \$120.00

Clan Society Directory (est. cost \$200.00)

#### Finances

Balance as of 03-25-2016	\$6,688.00
Of that total we owe CGC UK 939.50	\$-939.50
Of that total we owe CGUS scholarship	\$- 50.00

Total available to CGUS \$5698.50

*This total includes subscriptions to the Highlander; many have been paid out but some may be due during the course of the year. This total also includes payments to INT AT Conference on 3-16-2016 for \$53.20 and one check to Dr. Grant for \$227.50.*

*This balance **does not** reflect the \$10.00 check recently sent to Dr. Grant and some recent charges from Constant Contact; VA State charges, etc.*

If you apply our estimated expenses from 2015 of \$2,269.00 to the \$5698.50 we would have a **total available of \$3429.50\* to end 2016.**

However, this figure doesn't include additional charges from the Highlander which are expected as subscriptions come due.

**\* note If our bank balance falls below \$3,000.00 we will begin incurring a monthly charge of \$14.00. Further if Games Commissioners request financial support for tent space rental and games registration also banners and flags for new games commissioners this figure may be much lower than projected.**

The Board is investigating ways to lower conference call costs and voted to suspend advertisements in The Scottish Banner.



## Clan Grant Goodies



I finally got a chance to photograph the two items in our inventory. *The History of Clan Grant* book and the Tartan fabric that I have.

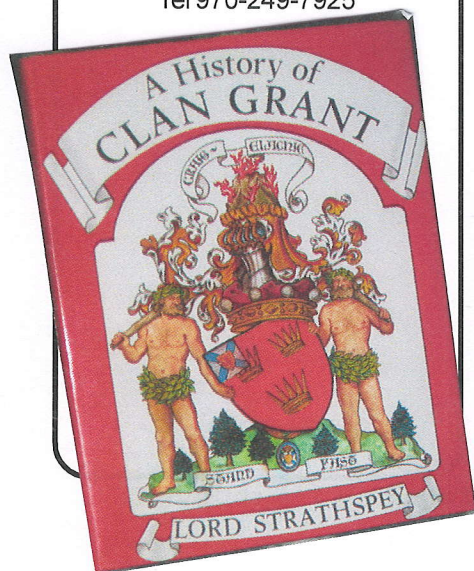
The book sells for \$30 and the fabric for \$14 per yard, plus postage.

The fabric is 1876 set, is 60" wide and is 50/50 Poly/Cotton blend.

I don't know exactly how much is left on the bolt.

### Stand Fast

Ed Meininger,  
Quartermaster,  
Clan Grant Society - USA  
Tel 970-249-7925



## Clan Grant Society - USA Membership Information

Why become a member? Membership in the society helps to support and further the efforts of the Clan Grant Society - USA in preserving our common Grant heritage, and furthering the aims of the society as defined in our bylaws. When you join the society, you may develop bonds with other members who are united by their deeply felt connections to their heritage, their ancestors, and desire to preserve the traditions of that heritage through their support of, and participation in, the Clan Grant Society - USA.

Clan Grant is not just a historical society, it is a living clan whose members consider themselves extended family and kin and who keep their heritage alive through participation in many gatherings and events around the country. Your ancestors are calling you, honor them by joining the society today!

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant," a recognized Clan Grant sept name, or anyone who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society.

**Dues:** Dues are \$20.00 for 1-year, \$40.00 for 2-years, or \$55.00 for 3-years. Family Memberships are \$35.00 for 1-year and include parents and children under the age of 18.

**Note:** New members joining from July through December will pay only \$10 for their first year of membership. New members joining from January through June will pay the full membership fee.

Lifetime membership in the Clan Grant Society is \$400.00.

Three years Family Life Membership is \$700. (Both adults at the same address.)

Members over 80 years of age are considered life members and are exempt from the payment of annual dues after the first year of membership. If a life member dies, their spouse automatically becomes a life member.

**Publications:** Membership includes the Quarterly newsletter, *Craigellachie*, via email or regular mail. It is also available in the Members Only section of the website.

The Society can also offer a reduced subscription rate for the following excellent publication:

*The Highlander* - \$15.50/yr

**Other Items:** Additionally, the Society also collects donations for two areas within our group. Both of these are listed on the membership application.

The first is for the Scholarship Fund. This is stated in the Bylaws as providing educational assistance such as financial assistance to deserving students, establishment of a fellowship in Scottish literature or music, grants to schools or universities, and support of the Clan Grant Educational and Charitable Trust.

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



The Clan Grant Society-USA will publish a **2016 Member Directory**.

The directory will list member's names, spouse's names, mailing address, phone number and email address.

**Any member who would like to limit the information beyond their name must email or mail a request to our secretary, Lena Grant by June 15, 2016**

Lena Grant <[lenagrants@gmail.com](mailto:lenagrants@gmail.com)>  
1205 Waters Rd., Chesapeake VA23322.





This large standing stone with an incised cross – St. Figat's Stone – is in the middle of the old churchyard at Inverallan near Grantown.



Inverallan was among the first lands held by the ancestors of the Chiefs of Grant in Strathspey. The old churchyard is located between the River Spey and Inverallan House.

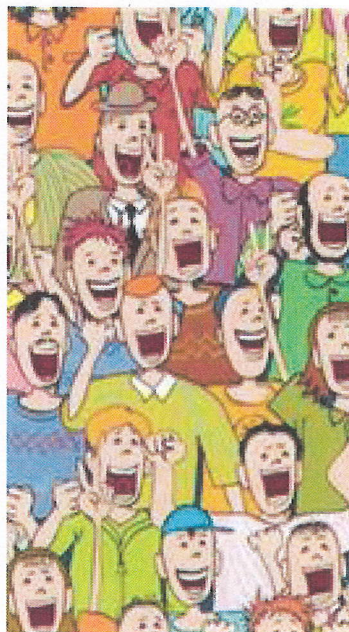
### **Clan Grant Society - USA,** *Continued from page 3*

The second is for the collection of funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Clan Centre in Duthil. You can see more information in the article: Clan Center on our Internet site.

Further questions can be sent to the membership team using the 'Contact Us' form and selecting "Membership Inquiry" as the Category.

Make all checks or money orders payable to: Clan Grant Society. Mail to: Rand Allan, 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037

# Thank you, Jean Grant Wilson!



Thanks to Jean Grant Wilson, here is the pdf of the very first *Craigellachie* and everyone may see and read their own copy.

Jeff Click is posting it on our website.

Dr. Bill Grant, says, "I am pleased to find this. I will be scanning the other copies that Jean has shared with me!"

**[I.pdf](#)**

[Dr. Bill Grant, Ph.D.](#)

[shared from Dropbox](#)





- Scottish Terriers are also called Aberdeen Terrier falling under the Skye Terrier umbrella in a group of Highland breeds which include Dandie Dinmont, and West Highland White Terrier.

- The First Earl of Dumbarton nicknamed the breed "the diehard."

- The modern breed is said to be able to trace its lineage back to a single female, named Splinter II.

- The first written records about a dog of similar description to the Scottish Terrier dates from 1436, when Don Leslie described them in his book: The History of Scotland 1436-1561.

- Recorded history and the initial development of the breed started in the late 1870s with the development of dog shows. The exhibition and judging of dogs required comparison to a breed standard and thus the appearance and temperament of the Scottie was written down for the first time.

- Scotties were exhibited for the first at Alexander Palace in England In 1879, the following year they began to be classified in a similar way they are today.

## Attention Clan Grant Society Clansmen and Clanswomen...

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| ◆ Do you have a         | ◆ Anything else?       |
| ◆ Kilt                  | ◆ How about a          |
| ◆ Kilt Belt             | ◆ Ladies Kilted Skirt  |
| ◆ Sporran               | ◆ Kilt pins            |
| ◆ Sporran Belt          | ◆ Ladies Sash or Scarf |
| ◆ Tweed Kilt Jacket     | ◆ Ladies Jacket        |
| ◆ Prince Charlie Coatee | ◆ Anything else?       |



If you would like to sell these items to a fellow Grant, email your contact information and what you have...along with sizes, please, to [uilleamgrant@outlook.com](mailto:uilleamgrant@outlook.com).

We will post items available in future *Craigellachies*.

## Current Highland Games that will have Clan Grant Society - USA tent in 2016

\* **The Celtic Festival Highland Gathering of Southern Maryland.** Southern Maryland, April 30, 2016

\* **Frederick Celtic Festival,** Prince Frederick , Maryland . May 14, 2016

\* **Colonial Highland Gathering** at Fair Hill Race Track, Elkton , Maryland, Fair Hill, DE. May 21, 2016

\* **Scottish Fest,** Costa Mesa, CA. May 28-29, 2016

\* **Greenville Scottish Games** at Furman University. Greenville SC. May 30, 2016

\* **San Diego Scottish Highland Games & Gathering of the Clan,** San Diego, CA. Brengle Terrace Park, CA. June 25-26, 2016

\* **Maine Highland Games.** Topsham, ME. August 20, 2016

\* **The New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival,** Loon Mountain, NH. September 16-18, 2016

\* **Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering** Charleston, SC September 17-18, 2016

\* **Ligonier Scottish Games,** Ligonier, PA. September 24, 2016

\* **Seaside Highland Games,** Ventura, CA, October 7-9, 2016

\* **Stone Mountain Highland Games,** Stone Mountain, GA. October 14-16, 2016

\* **Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games,** Central Virginia, Richmond. October 22-23, 2016.



## Greetings from the President, *continued from page 1* ———

check your caller id and see 757-617-1652 it is the President of the Clan Grant Society-USA calling you.

Bob Grant is heading up a calling group to keep us in contact with each other. We are also going to create a membership directory that will be mailed to you later this year. When you attend Games this summer and fall, carry a camera and share with us your pictures. We will share them through Craigellachie.

We have formed a bylaws committee headed by me to revise our bylaws to enable our becoming a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. This will enhance our financial position as an organization. Hopefully this fall we will be submitting the revised bylaws to you for a vote. This happens after the board considers the revisions and votes on the proposed changes.

There are a large numbers of Grants in the United States that have no idea that they are members of Clan Grant. As the Clan Grant Society-USA we have an interest in identifying potential members and offering them the opportunity to join our Society. Have you talked with your children, brothers and sisters, moms and dads, uncles and aunts as well as cousins about membership in the Clan Grant Society-USA? We stand ready to help with researching family trees, providing educational material about Clan Grant and Scottish history, and we have tents at many Games. We could have tents at many more games if our membership grows more vigorously and we have members step forward to be Games Commissioners.

I have talked about what the board is ready to do for you our members and potential members. My question to you is, "What are you ready to do to help and support the Clan Grant Society-USA?"

If you are too frail to get out and help will you make an extra financial contribution to support our Games Tents, scholarships for piping, harping and dancing? If so please send a Check made out to Clan Grant Society-USA and mail to our Treasurer Janette Kaiser, 1504 Washington St., Bellingham, WA 98225-2842.

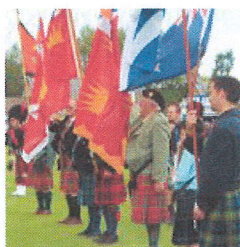
Spring and summer is upon us. Stay well, keep in touch and try to attend a local Games especially one that will have a Clan Grant tent. Wear your tartan and be proud to be a Grant.

STAND FAST

Dr. Bill Grant, President Clan Grant Society-USA

### Clan Grant Events in Scotland 2016

16 July, *Inverness Highland Games*  
12 - 14 Aug., *Annual Clan Gathering*  
13 Aug., *The Grantown Show*  
21 - 23 Oct., *Autumn Meeting*



Betcha'  
you don't  
know the real  
meaning  
of the name  
Belize...

**Well, the Central  
American  
country of  
Belize  
is named after a  
Scottish pirate  
who roamed  
the Carribean.**

**Belize  
is the local  
Creole dialect  
for "Wallace!"**

**Wallace was the name of a  
buccaneer who became a  
national hero after rescuing  
slaves in the area  
and setting them free.**



*The Clan Grant Society - USA was founded in 1977 by George & Lucille Grant, by the authority of Sir Patrick Grant of Grant (1912 - 1992). The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 32<sup>nd</sup> Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant. It continues under authority of Sir James Grant of Grant, The Right Honorable Lord Strathspey, Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33<sup>rd</sup> Hereditary Chief of Clan Grant.*

*Past Presidents: Howard Parsons, 1998-2002; C. David Grant, 2002-2006; Dr. Christopher Pratt, 2006-2008; Rand Allan, 2008-2013; Jeniphr Grant, 2013-2015.*

## Elected and Appointed Officers Clan Grant Society - USA

### *Elected Officers*

\* **President - William S. Grant, Ph.D.**, 3916 N. Potsdam Ave., PMB #3936, Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
<academicdad@yahoo.com> 757-617-1652.

\* **Vice President - Jeff Click**, 2604 NE 142nd St., Vancouver, WA 98686. <jclick@msn.com>  
360-635-4312.

\* **Secretary - Lena Grant**, 3916 N. Potsdam Ave., PMB #3936, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.  
<lenagrnt@gmail.com> 757-617-0625

\* **Treasurer - Janette Kaiser**, 1504 Washington Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.  
<abbrd@hotmail.com> 360-325-5127.

\* **Member at Large - Jeniphr Grant**, 36206 Allen Road, S. Roy, WA 98580.  
<jeniphr.grant@gmail.com> 609-864-4615/

\* **Member at Large - Jim Grant**, PO Box 248, Odessa, DE 19730-0248.  
<uncle.duck@verizon.net> 302-378-9090.

\* **Member at Large - Stephen E. Grant**, 1001 Hurtsdale Ave., Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007.  
<grantsna@cox.net> 760-207-2389.

### *Appointed Officers*

\* **Assistant Secretary, Gordon Grant**, 4506 N. 35th Road, Arlington, VA 22207. 703-241-7789.

\* **Craigellachie Editor, Beth Gay Freeman**, Mo Leannon, 688 Camp Yonah Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523. <bethscribble@aol.com> 706-839-6612.

\* **Assistant Craigellachie Editor, William S. Grant, Ph.D.**, 3916 N. Potsdam Ave., PMB #3936, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 <academicdad@yahoo.com> 757-617-1652.

\* **Chaplain, Robert C.**, 1113 Maple Drive, Griffin, GA 30224. Home Phone: 770-228-6837. Cell Phone: 770-380-4537. FAX: 770-228-6403  
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\* **Assistant Treasurer, Karen Cook**, 6640 Arena Road., Ozark, AR 77949. <kjc429@gmail.com>  
479-667-5045.

\* **Games Coordinator, VACANT**

\* **Genealogist - Ann Scherzinger**, 2604 NE 142nd Street, Vancouver, WA 98686.  
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\* **Historian - James Grant**, 1043 12th Ave., NW, #2-C, Hickory, NC 28601. <standfast@charter.net>  
828-322-2659.

\* **Membership Secretary - Rand Allan**, 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037.  
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\* **Quartermaster - Ed Meininger**, 62223 Jig Road, Montrose, CO 84103.  
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\* **Webmaster - Jeff Click**, 2604 NE 142nd St., Vancouver, WA 98686. <jeffclick@msn.com>  
303-513-1178.





## GAMES COMMISSIONERS



### Games Coordinator: VACANT

Name	Area	Address	Email	Games
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Michael L. Johnson	IL, IN, KY	619 Prince Dr., Newburgh, IN 47630 812-490-5726	<a href="mailto:reiverrat@msn.com">reiverrat@msn.com</a>	
Lysle E. Grant	ME	57 Sagebrush Dr, Rochester, NH 03867 603-330-9155		Loon Mtn., VT, ME
Will Kenyon	PA	2208 Quail Run Rd, State College, PA 16801 814-571-7570	<a href="mailto:willkenyon@aol.com">willkenyon@aol.com</a>	Ligonier, PA
Fred W. Wood	SC	204 Bent Creek Dr., Greer, SC 29650 864-498-0296	<a href="mailto:fred@bmc-controls.com">fred@bmc-controls.com</a>	Greenville, Charleston
Grant L. Bush	LA	211 Gateway Dr, Moss Bluff, LA 70611 337-855-2191		
R. Steve Grant	MD, DE, VA	7740 W. Shore Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122 410-255-6841	<a href="mailto:odengrant@msn.com">odengrant@msn.com</a>	So. MD, Fair Hill, Alex.
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Rand Allan	CA	6102 Calle Vera Cruz La Jolla, CA 92037	<a href="mailto:Rballan@san.rr.com">Rballan@san.rr.com</a>	Southern California

#### CLAN GRANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

[ ] NEW [ ] RENEWAL (Membership # \_\_\_\_\_)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> ADULT (if family membership) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ APT # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> ADULT EMAIL (if family membership) \_\_\_\_\_

To save money, we send out our newsletters by email.

[ ] Check here if you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter (additional fees may apply)

DUES (please circle):

**INDIVIDUAL** (single voting adult) \$20 1-year \$40 2-years \$55 3-years \$400 LIFE MEMBER

**FAMILY** (2 voting adults, same address) \$35 1-year \$70 2-years \$100 3-years \$700 LIFE MEMBER

Note: Membership runs from January 1 through December 31. New members joining after June 30 will pay half of the listed amount for the current year of membership, and the full amount upon renewal the following January.

DONATIONS:

Clan Grant Centre Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We also offer subscriptions through the Clan Grant Society at discounted rates to THE HIGHLANDER Magazine \$15.50/year (3 years max): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to CLAN GRANT SOCIETY

Mail to: Rand Allan, 6102 Calle Vera Cruz, La Jolla, CA 92037



The  
Scottish  
Thistle  
was once  
used as a  
"Sweetie"  
by the  
Highland  
children!

The children would take the bulbous, purple head of the plant and cut it. Then, they would place it on a flat stone and burst it open with another stone.

It is said that the inside was sweet and chewy.

Thistle Tea was said to relieve depression.



Ed McIninger,  
Quartermaster, Clan  
Grant Society - USA  
Montrose, CO  
disappears into a  
phone booth ...  
when he emerges,  
he is...

## Ham Radio Operator KE0BYM

My wife, Kristy Gunning, and I are planning a trip to Scotland in September 2016. This will be our third trip to Scotland. We fly into Glasgow and about two hours later take a small plane to the Orkney Islands, where we will spend three days in Kirkwall on the eastern end of the island and then three days in Stromness on the western end then fly back to Glasgow and spend three days there.

We took the Urquhart Clan Scotland tour in 2011. Kristy's great grandfather, John Urquhart was from Fodderty, Scotland, where we found the grave of her great-great grandfather, Alexander Urquhart and her great-great grandmother, Christina Cameron. Her great-great-great grandfather, John Urquhart and his wife "Eppie" Euphemia Ross were also in the Fodderty Cemetery in the Highlands.

But I digress. For my birthday in 2014 my brother, a ham radio operator, call sign KD0MXD in Aurora Colorado, sent me a 2 Meter Hand held Ham radio. (He had been a "Ham" for about four Years)

Having been Licensed CB operators in the 1970's, call sign KFC1037, we both had experience using two way radios.

I began studying for my "Technician" class license and passed the test in October of 2014 and the FCC gave me the call sign KE0BYM.

That license gave me access to VHF and UHF frequencies. I took the upgrade test for my license to become a "General" in March of 2015 which gave me access to High Frequencies which will travel all around the world!

There is an amateur "Ham" radio club in Glasgow, Scotland, that meets on Friday nights. I am planning on attending this club meeting on the last Friday that we will be in Scotland and making some new friends there.

Amateur Radio has been around since the early 1900's. There are stories that during WWII Ham radio operators on the East Coast were listening to Rommel's tanks in Africa.

Frequently Ham radio operators step in to help with emergency communication in time of disaster, such as during Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Nepal and other types of disasters.

There are radio groups such as RACES and ARES who train for

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## A-Z index of research guides on the National Records of Scotland's website

The National Records of Scotland (NRS) website contains an excellent A-Z index of guides to the records that are available via ScotlandsPeople and NRS. Also, where NRS does not hold a specific set of records, this index contains advice on where to go to access records held elsewhere.

We hope this A-Z index will help people with their ancestral research and to learn more about where specific records are kept and what is available. 'Who Do You Think You Are Magazine' (June 2016) praises these research guides as 'always clear and concise, and can be especially helpful if you're unfamiliar with terms for certain types of records north of the border.'

### Ed Meininger, *continued from page 9*

emergency communications in case of a catastrophic event that shuts down all forms of communication, such as land lines and cell phone communication.

Every year in October the local Montrose, Colorado club has a simulated emergency during which the members call in on the radio and give a report. Two years ago the simulation was the "Polar Express" a major snow storm, and this last year 2015, it was a "Carrington Event", "a major corona mass ejection from the sun" (The original Carrington Event happened in 1859.) There are articles on the internet on how to prepare for this kind of emergency.

One of the things you can do to save your electronic devices in the event of a Carrington Event (or an Electro Magnetic Pulse) is to place emergency communication devices in an un-plugged microwave oven. A microwave serves as a Faraday Cage to protect electronic devices.

One of our favorite movies is "Independence Day" which uses Ham radio/Morse Code operators during an international emergency to alert the world on how to destroy aliens. Ham radio might be one of the only forms of communication available in that kind of emergency!

Who knows, maybe we will be talking to Scotland in an emergency!

I just read a book called "Personal Emergency Communications" by Andrew Baze. It offers expert information on all aspects of emergency communication.

Ed Meininger

KE0BYM

(Kilo Echo Zero Bravo Yankee Mike)



A note  
from James  
Grant about  
DNA as a  
genealogi-  
cal tool!

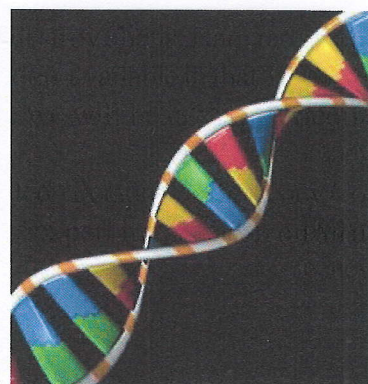


I would encourage all men with the surname Grant to get a DNA test for genealogical purposes.

You might wish to visit their site:  
<[www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)>

They host the Grant DNA project.

James "Hank" Grant







## Howard Parsons, Jr., & Judi Grant Parsons

As many of you remember, Howard Parsons Jr. was our first elected President of Clan Grant Society-USA. Judi Grant Parsons served as our Treasurer.

The Board of Directors at our February meeting granted them both Life Memberships.

If you would like to join the Board in welcoming the Parsons back into our Clan Grant Society-USA official membership, Howard and Judi can be reached by email at [htp@parsonage.net](mailto:htp@parsonage.net)

We look forward to seeing Howard and Judi at the Games in Virginia.

## Bob Grant is new Clan Grant Society-USA Chaplain



Robert C. (Bob) Grant is a retired music educator who has taught at all levels from elementary school through college.

He continues to work as a professional trombonist and vocalist as well as being very active in church activities.

Bob is now serving as Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia, as well as serving as an elder and Board Chair of his local congregation.

He resides in Griffin, Georgia with his wife, Mary, who also is a retired music teacher.

They have one son and daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter who will soon be three. Another granddaughter is on the way.

Bob and Mary are proud of their Celtic heritage and look forward to being of service to Clan Grant.

## Beth Gay is new *Craigellachie* editor!

Bringing a wealth of experience, Beth Gay Freeman is the new *Craigellachie* editor. She has been an Honorary Clan Grant member since 1995. Email: <bethscribble@aol.com> anytime. Now, she pays dues. "I am tickled pink, red, green and yellow!" she says.





Clan Grant is not just a historical society, it is a **living** clan whose members consider themselves extended family and kin and who keep their heritage alive through participation in many gatherings and events around the country. Your ancestors are calling you, honor them by joining the society today!

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant", a recognized Clan Grant sept name, or anyone who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society.

Membership includes the Quarterly newsletter, "Craigellachie", via email or regular mail. It is also available in the Members Only section of the website.

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or like us on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/clangrantusa/>

### ***Stand Fast, Craigellachie!***

**Craigellachie** (pronounced Kra-GEL'-a-key) is Gaelic for "rock of alarm." The Clan Grant motto is "**Stand Fast, Craigellachie!**" *Craigellachie* is the hill or mountain behind the modern town of Aviemore. It is also the name of a village situated about thirty miles down the River Spey from Aviemore.





# A brand new baby Grant!



**It's a Girl!!** Annelise Cecily Grant was born early this morning at 1:58 AM. She was 19 inches long and seven pounds one ounce. The proud parents are Rob and Kristen Grant. Her big sister is...

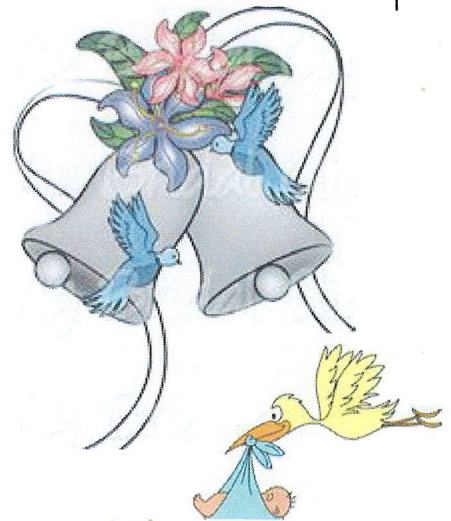
All the Grants are invited...

Yes, everyone is urged and asked and encouraged to share the times of your lives!

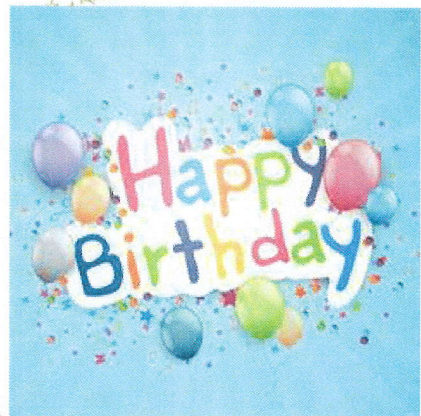
Birthdays, engagements, weddings... new babies, graduations, achievements, honors...illnesses and deaths...all the times that make up the lives of our families.

We'd like the Clan Grant Society-USA to become a very real part of your life...by sharing with everyone those things that you hold dear.

Just send information and photos to <[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)>. Please send anytime.



Congratulations





## DID YOU KNOW?

♦ Strong winds driving in from the Atlantic and North Sea make the Outer Hebrides and Sutherland a paradise for windsurfers.



♦ The long daylight hours means that you could play a round of golf in the middle of the night on Orkney and Shetland.

♦ Long dark winter nights are the best time to see amazing constellations of stars at Scotland's designated Dark Sky areas.

♦ The Gulf Stream brings warm winds to Scotland's west coast. You can find palm trees in the Highland coastal town of Plockton.

♦ Dundee is Scotland's sunniest city, with an average of 1,523 hours of sunshine per year.

## How cold was it?

In 1895, Loch Lomond froze over and one could walk all the way across. The lowest temperature ever recorded in Britain was MINUS 17 degrees at Braemar.

## *'The Surnames of Scotland'* by George F. Black - now available online for FREE

Still on the subject of useful research guides, a very interesting resource for people tracing their Scottish ancestors is *'The Surnames of Scotland: Their Origin, Meaning, and History'*, by George F. Black. At over 800 pages, this book is a fascinating read for anyone who wishes to discover more about Scottish surnames ; especially people who live outside Scotland.

Black's book is now available for FREE on the web at the Hathi Trust Digital Library. To read the book, just go to [this website page](#) and then click on the link that says 'Full view' (below the 'Viewability' sub-heading).

We also sometimes feature Scottish surnames and first names on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

### Meeting dates for the Scottish Genealogy Group at the BIFSGO - Ottawa Archives, Ontario

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa in Ottawa (BIFSGO) have announced the 2016 dates and times for the meetings of their Scottish Genealogy Group. These meetings are for beginners and experts alike, and the dates/times are as follows:

- Saturday 18 June, 10am to 12pm
- Saturday 24 September, 10am to 12pm
- Saturday 22 October, 10am to 12pm
- Saturday 19 November, 10am to 12pm



# Clan Grant Society-USA at the 2015 Stone Mountain (GA) Scottish Highland Games

*Photos by Dr. Bill Grant*







## The Piper Jacque Grant

Along with daughter, Karen Cook, this digging up old Grant bones all started after attending the 2011 Scottish Games in Charleston SC. Karen was so impressed with the pageantry and history, she presented me, at Christmas, with my first Clan Grant society USA membership along with a subscription to *Highlander Magazine*.

In return, for her birthday, I signed her onto her first CGS membership. We snapped many photos at the games that day. One was of a lone piper practicing for a competition. He struck the perfect pose to photograph for a drawing.

Once I completed the drawing, it was Karen's idea to add the Grant tartan as a mat. I found a store online in Scotland who carried the tartan in what they referred to as wool ribbon. Once matted and framed, it measured out to 22"x28'.

I did some research on pipers, Grants, castles and such and found a fellow by the name of Alexander Cummings.

Alexander was reportedly chief Piper at Castle Grant in 1653.

It was also stated this honorable position was always handed down from and thru his family.

Finally, I had a name to add to my drawing.

Who knows, maybe the fellow in the photo was a trickle down generation from long ago.

My branch of the old Grant tree hails from northeastern Maryland.

It was said they came up thru the Chesapeake Bay on a ship. Eventually venturing up the North East river to Charlestowne, Maryland in the 1600s.

My great grandfather moved to Port Deposit, Maryland on the Susquehanna river. He was the grandson of Seaborn Grant in Charlestowne, Maryland.

If any of you cousins, have more detailed or accurate information, please share.

The Scots Music Fest in Tulsa, Oklahoma is closest to us so will look for you there.

We go every year decked out in our Grant tartans.

Standfast, Jacque Grant

## Interesting Facts About the Scottish Bagpipes

Bagpipes have become symbolic of Scottish history.

When you think of bagpipes, it's likely that Scotland comes to mind. So you might be surprised to learn that the instrument does not have its origins in Scotland. There are some interesting and little-known facts about the bagpipes, including what they were made of, how they are played and even why they were once banned in Scotland.

Contrary to popular belief, the bagpipes did not originate in Scotland.

However, it was Scotland that kept the instrument alive.

As a result, it is Scotland that is most often associated with the instrument.

While the exact origins of the bagpipes are disputed, the oldest reference to the now-famed instrument is from Asia Minor. The reference was carved on a stone slab dated back to 1000 BC.



## Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire

Grantown on Spey lies at a height of 220m in Upper Speyside and is by far the largest settlement for some distance in any direction. It is a fine town conveying an air of established solidity. These days Grantown on Spey is bypassed to its south by the A95.

The original settlement in the area was at Cromdale, dating back a thousand years, located on the River Spey two miles east of Grantown on Spey. This was bypassed when a new bridge was built across the Spey to carry the military road from Corgarff Castle in Donside to Fort George in 1754.



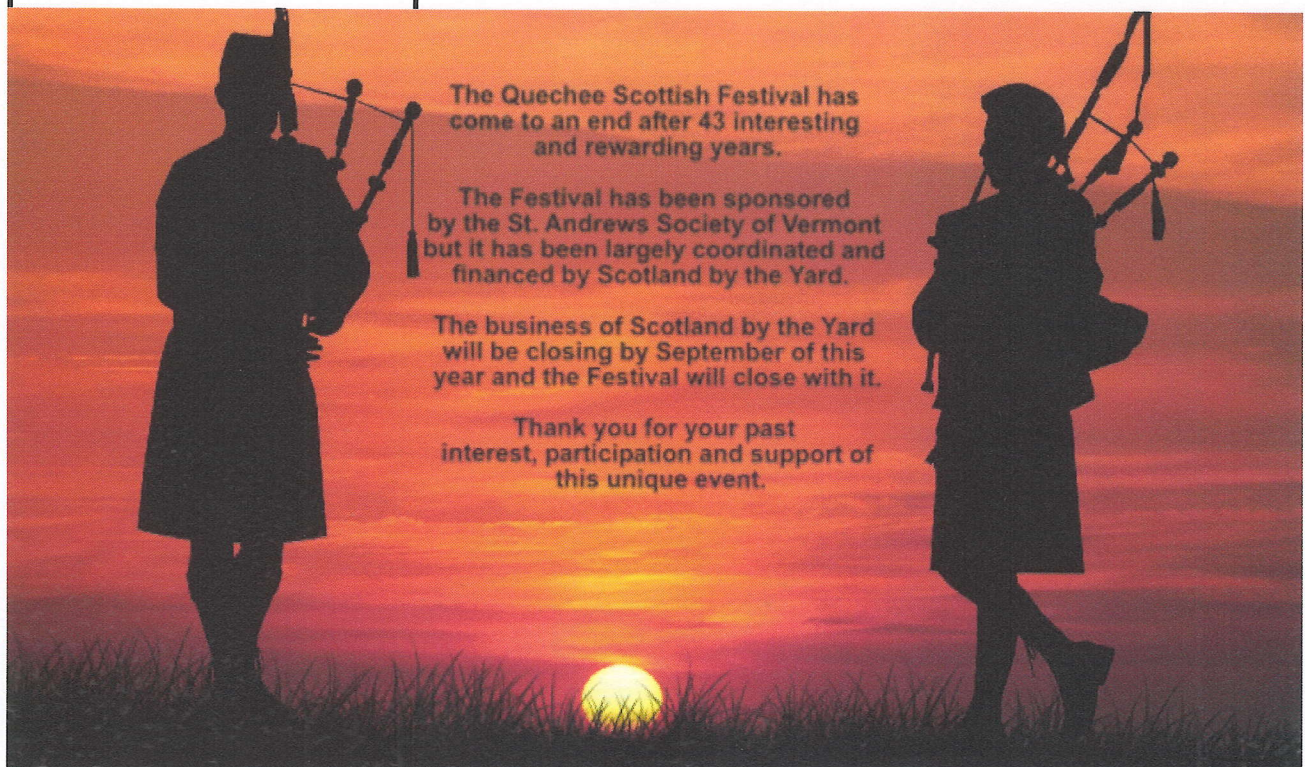
Castle Grant, Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire – A manor house existed on the site of Castle Grant as early as 1489. At that time, it would have been part of the Barony of Freuchie.

The barony was held in the mid-15th century by Sir Duncan le Graunte of Fruychy.

The castle was known as *Balachastell*, the town of the castle.

In 1694, the Laird of Freuchie obtained a Crown Charter erecting all his lands into the Regality of Grant.

From that time forward, the castle was known as Castle Grant. It was the principal residence of the Chiefs of Grant for almost five centuries. Unfortunately, it had to be abandoned in the mid-20th century due to dry-rot infestation and the building fell into disrepair and ruin. The castle was restored during the last two decades of the 20th century by several entrepreneurial owners not related to the Chiefs or the Clan Grant.



The Quechee Scottish Festival has come to an end after 43 interesting and rewarding years.

The Festival has been sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Vermont but it has been largely coordinated and financed by Scotland by the Yard.

The business of Scotland by the Yard will be closing by September of this year and the Festival will close with it.

Thank you for your past interest, participation and support of this unique event.



# DNA – The New Frontier of Genealogy

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Those of us who have researched our family's genealogy are familiar with the process. We talk to relatives. We visit the genealogy department at the local library. Perhaps we make a trip to a state archives or to the library of a major university. We consult old courthouse records. And, today of course, we go online. With the passage of time – usually many years – we are able to derive a meaningful narrative history or compile a chart of our family's pedigree. Genealogy is an interesting, intriguing, and often times obsessive hobby. It is also a lot of hard work!

In recent years, geneticists have opened a new door which allows genealogists to find distant relatives who might have valuable information to share. That new opportunity is a simple, painless, relatively inexpensive DNA test. All you have to do is swab the inside of your mouth and mail the sample to a laboratory. In a matter of weeks, you will

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A few hints when that “brick wall” shows up in your own genealogy – and, it always does...for everyone!

\* Write queries and send them everywhere you can think of. Lots of free ones out there, including BNFT...just send to <bethscribble@aol.com>.

\* Join genealogical societies where you family lived. Look them up on the Internet. (Send THEM queries.)

\* Take advantage of genealogical classes at your own local library.



## DNA Facts and Trivia

Scientists at Cambridge University believe humans have DNA in common with the mud worm and that it is the closest invertebrate genetic relative to us. In other words, you have more in common, genetically speaking, with a mud worm than you do with a spider or octopus or cockroach.

Humans and cabbage share about 40-50% common DNA.

Friedrich Miescher discovered DNA in 1869, although scientists did not understand DNA was the genetic material in cells until 1943. Prior to that time, it was widely believed that proteins stored genetic information.

If you put all the DNA molecules in your body end to end, the DNA would reach from the Earth to the Sun and back over 600 times (100 trillion times six feet divided by 92 million miles).





## Scottish facts it's nice to know!



♦ A quote from American President Woodrow Wilson, "Every line of strength in American history is a line colored with Scottish blood."

♦ More than 100 governors of pre- and post- Revolutionary America were of Scottish birth or descent.

Others from Scotland or of Scots descent in American history:

♦ 35 U.S. Supreme Court Justices, 25 of them are in the Great Americans Hall of Fame.

♦ Almost 1/2 of the Secretaries of U.S. Treasury and 1/3 of the Secretaries of State were Scots.

♦ Nine of the signatures on the Declaration of Independence were from Scots descent.

♦ Nine of the 13 colony governors made in the new USA were Scots.

♦ James Pollock, of Scots descent, put the slogan "In God We Trust" on American coins!

♦ 61% of American Presidents are of Scots or Scots-Irish descent.

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be emailed your test results and a list of close matches – people who are descended from a common ancestor. The matches might be as recent as two or three generations, or they might be descended from a common ancestor centuries ago.

After you receive your results, you will be able to meet and communicate with other near and distant cousins you probably don't even know exist today. Never mind that they might not have the surname *Grant*! They are biological cousins nonetheless.

Surnames were introduced into Scotland by the Normans in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, but most Scotsmen did not embrace the use of surnames for hundreds of years. During the days of the clan system, the surname *Grant* was used primarily by the chief, chieftains and other gentry of the clan. Most rank and file clansmen were referred to by patronymics – names derived from the given name of their father or other ancestor (MacDonald, MacRobert, MacGregor, Paterson, or Williamson). Others used names associated with their occupation (Miller, Smith, Taylor), or their place of origin (Geddes, Nairn, Cattnach), or a distinguishing physical characteristic (*Beg* for small, *Mor* for large, or *Ruadh* for someone with red hair.)

Of my own closest Y-DNA matches, there are only two Grants. One is a known distant cousin who lives in Michigan. The other is a gentleman from South Carolina whose relationship to my family remains a mystery. All we know is that we are both named Grant and that we shared a common ancestor at some time in the past.

My closest matches include men with the names McDonald, Williams, Sinclair, Ross, Hamilton, Campbell, McKellar, McFarlane, McKenzie, Gill, Fleming, Anderson, Walker, and Roy – all Scottish names. There is even a Murphy and a Kelly on my list, and several others with continental European names.

If you are a male and your surname is Grant, there are several good reasons to have your male Y-DNA tested. Your test might connect you with unknown relatives who can help you break through your genealogical "brick wall" – that point in your family's timeline where your research has stalled.

The results of your test might help you establish a link between your lineage and other significant families in the historical Scottish Clan Grant or Grant families in England, Ireland or Wales. For example, your DNA might be a match to a chieftain of a major branch or cadet family of the clan. Wouldn't that be interesting? The Chief of Grant and several chieftains of ancient branches of the Clan Grant are already members of the Grant DNA Project.

Your test results might also help a near or distant relative break through their brick wall, and in so doing, you will learn about another branch of your own family tree.

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## Lost folks? Can you help?

We've lost **George Grant**, 1140 Carter Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37415... **Jean Grant** of Danville, CA and **Taylor Grant Paulty** of Manitowok, WI are amongst our lost.

If you have information, contact <rballan@san.rr.com>



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All these considerations take on an added level of significance and interest if you happen to be the last known surviving male in your family.

And of course, DNA tests are certainly not limited to your male ancestry. You can also take a test for your mother's line by opting for a Mitochondrial DNA test.

If you think you might be interested in participating in the Grant DNA Project, or if you just want additional information, you may contact any of the project's administrators, listed below:

Allan Grant, Houston, Texas - [sagrant2007@comcast.net](mailto:sagrant2007@comcast.net)

Alistair Grant, Toronto, Ottawa, Canada - [aggrant@rogers.com](mailto:aggrant@rogers.com)

Geoff Grant, Wilmington, NC - [gigrant74@gmail.com](mailto:gigrant74@gmail.com)

Jon Grant, Charlotte, NC - [govols@carolina.rr.com](mailto:govols@carolina.rr.com)

Prices for the Y-DNA (male) tests range between \$169 for a 37-marker test and \$359 for the deluxe test of 111-markers. Some people have opted for the basic 37-marker test and then up-graded later as their level of interest and understanding increases. A good compromise option is also the 67-marker test at \$268.

Although much has been learned in recent years, the study of the human genome is still in its infancy. Giant strides in genetic research are being made every day and what we know today about human DNA will increase at an increasing rate over the course of the next decade. Although genealogists will still employ the tried and true methods of research we have always used, there is no doubt that the study of DNA will be an invaluable tool in the years to come.

It is the opinion of this reporter that the purpose of genealogy is not to engender excessive pride in the achievements of our forebears, or to share the guilt of their shortcomings. It is simply a means to determine who our ancestors were, what they did, how they lived, and record this information as accurately as possible. If this awareness contributes to our own knowledge and fulfillment, then we are indeed blessed by those who have gone before.

*[The author receives no compensation whatsoever from any company, association, or laboratory that conducts DNA testing or research.]*

### Where the Sheep Are in the USA

Texas, Wyoming and California are the U.S. states with the highest number of sheep. More than two thirds of U.S. sheep are in the Southern Plains, Mountain and Pacific regions.

### Sheep Products

The four main products from sheep are lamb (meat from sheep younger than 14 months), mutton (meat from sheep older than 14 months), wool and sheep's milk.

### The Many Uses of Sheep

Bits of sheep can also be found in tennis rackets (strings made of sheep guts), candles and soap (tallow rendered from sheep fat) and most cosmetics and skincare products (lanolin, an emollient found in sheep's wool).

### A Sheep by Any Other Name

Ewe:	female sheep
Ram:	male sheep
Wether:	castrated male sheep
Lamb:	young sheep, less than 14 months old